

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

November 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Ben Babin, Jerry Thibeau, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Willie George Lee, James Little, Don Thompson, Kenneth "Wade" Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Milazzo, Larry Thomas, Tamiara Wade

Vacancy: East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Babin.

2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

4. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Hoover to approve the October regular meeting minutes, as amended.

5. Financial Statement Report

- Hoover presented to the Board the October 2018 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thibeau to approve the October 2018 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.

6. Executive Director Report

- CRDC
 - Reviewed with the Board the CRDC Project Status Update presentation as prepared by USACE and DOTD, November 7, 2018.
 - Rietschier updated the Board on Utility Relocations - One of the pipelines, American Midstream, is ready to lower the pipeline. Several others are being granted right of entries.
 - Priority is being given for the construction of US Hwy. 61 – Bridge and R/R Bridge, Construction Start: 2019 by USACE, LA964-Bridge, Construction Start: 2020 by LADOT, LA 19- Bridge and R/R Bridge, Construction Start 2020 by LA DOTD, and LA 67-Bridge, Construction Start: 2020 by LADOTD. Overall, twelve contracts are expected to be given out for the CRDC Canal Project.
 - Asset Tracker Land Acquisitions – Discussed the ARBC System setup through GCR which enables ARBC to upload Act of Sales and other important documents regarding the acquisition of property. We will let elected officials and the Board know how they can access the system.
 - PCA Amendment #2 – DOTD is reviewing the draft. It is important that it be finished because it is holding up the demolitions ARBC approved doing.
 - Upcoming Meetings: November 15, 2018 – Amite River Resiliency Study – Office of Community Development
November 16, 2018 – Industry Day – USACE
December 4, 2018 – ARBC Special Public Meeting to be held at the Denham Springs Library at 6 pm. DOTD and USACE have been invited to attend.
 - DOTD Report – None

7. ARBC Legal Counsel:

- Discussed the December 4, 2018 ARBC meeting agenda.
- Bankston reported that it is important that DOTD be able to do expropriations of property on someone who is not willing to sell, instead of the USACE. It would be more financially beneficial to property owners if the DOTD did the expropriations. This decision has not been made. Also, the USACE estimated the O&M cost of maintenance of the CRDC to be approximately \$600,000-700,000 annually. The O&M is an EBR City-Parish obligation. The Board discussed ARBC entering into a CEA with EBR City-Parish so that ARBC could provide the O&M of the CRDC.

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- Bankston reminded the Board that at the October 11, 2018 DOTD meeting, it was suggested that ARBC postpone the execution date of the demolition contract with American Construction and Demolition until after the reimbursement agreement is done so that ARBC may be fully reimbursed. At the last meeting of the ARBC, the Board unanimously approved to extend the execution of the demolition contract between ARBC and American Construction and Demolition for an additional 30 days.
- Design work is being done on all bridges.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business – Announced the December 4, 2018 ARBC meeting will be held at the Denham Springs Library at 6:00 pm.

10. The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

APPROVED:

/s/ Ben Babin, ARBC President

Date: January 15, 2019

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary